

Abstract

A passport production system that is designed to personalize passports with the personal information of the intended holder of the passport, as well as an associated method of passport production. The passport production system is modular in construction, thereby readily permitting the assembly and reconfiguration of an application specific passport production system from different processing modules. Moreover, the modules permit the system to be reconfigured at the job site so as to add or remove modules as dictated by the changing needs of the application. In one embodiment, the system includes a leafing module and a personalization module for performing a personalization operation, such as laser personalization or printing on the passport. Documents other than passports can also be personalized using the system and method of this invention.

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